

# PACE

A Service of Grand Traverse Pavilions

## Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

### Coming in 2016!

Grand Traverse Pavilions is excited to bring an innovative community-based care delivery model to the Grand Traverse Region that allows seniors to remain in their home and receive comprehensive and coordinated care by combining a health plan with quality health care under one umbrella.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)?

PACE is a Medicare program for older adults and people over age 55 living with disabilities. This program provides community-based health care and services to people who may otherwise need nursing home level of care.

#### Who is eligible for PACE?

To be eligible to enroll in PACE a person must meet all of the following:

- Aged 55 or older
- Certified for nursing home level of care as determined by the State of Michigan
- Live in the designated service area
- Able to live safely in the community with the support of PACE at the time of enrollment

#### What services does PACE provide?

The PACE organization is able to coordinate the entire array of services to older adults with chronic care needs. The PACE service package includes all Medicare and Medicaid covered services, in addition to other services determined necessary and authorized by the local interdisciplinary care team.

Services include, but are not limited to: primary medical care, home health care, restorative therapies, diagnostic services like labs and x-ray, transportation to medical appointments, prescription drugs, social services, dental, optometry, audiology, podiatry, specialized physicians, ER and acute inpatient hospital, nursing home, adult day, respite care, among others.





### **Who pays for PACE services?**

There are no out-of-pocket costs for the program if the participant is Medicare and Medicaid eligible. There are no premiums, no co-pays and no deductibles with ALL costs associated with the program covered at 100%. You will see no bill or insurance paperwork.

The financing model of PACE combines payments from Medicare and Medicaid, allowing PACE organizations to provide all needed services rather than be limited to those reimbursed under the traditional Medicare and Medicaid fee-for-service systems. PACE organizations assume full financial risk for the beneficiary's care without limits to amount, duration or scope of services.

### **Who is the PACE care team?**

The PACE interdisciplinary care team includes physicians, nurses, therapists, social workers, dietitians, among others who meet regularly to coordinate a comprehensive care plan to meet all of your health care needs.

### **Are people who do not qualify for Medicaid eligible for PACE enrollment?**

Yes, however, the participant would be responsible for the portion of the monthly premium that Medicaid would pay.

### **What is the PACE Center?**

The PACE Center is a place that includes a primary health clinic, a therapy area and a day room for dining and activities. Participants attend the day health center based on the individual's needs as recommended by the interdisciplinary care team. Attendance at the PACE Center provides socialization, activities and nutritious meals as well as therapy and primary care visits so that the care team can have routine interaction with the participant. PACE provides transportation to the PACE Center.

### **Can a PACE participant keep their own physician?**

No. Once an individual joins PACE, the participant will be under the care of the PACE physician and the care team. The interdisciplinary care team coordinates all medical care and refers participants to healthcare providers within the network as needed. All primary care medical appointments are conducted at the PACE Center.

### **What happens if a person wants to leave PACE?**

A PACE participant may dis-enroll from PACE at any time and resume their benefits in the traditional Medicare and Medicaid programs.

### **Why Grand Traverse Pavilions?**

Grand Traverse Pavilions has provided quality care to frail elders with chronic care needs or rehabilitation for over 50 years in our community. As health care changes, Grand Traverse Pavilions has been a leader in providing innovative programs to address the changing needs of seniors. Providing PACE services is the next natural step in delivering long-term care to those who wish to remain in their home as long as possible. Additionally, our mission is to meet the needs of those with the least ability to pay as the safety net for seniors with limited financial resources.

### **When will the PACE program become operational?**

It is anticipated that it will take 18-24 months to secure and renovate space necessary to provide a PACE Center and to complete the application process to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

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